I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value. It would be ridiculous to pass legislation that would limit our lunch options, especially as the food trucks are so popular. Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations. Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse vending options in the city.

Thank you,

Sean McLeod 1455 Florida Ave, NW Washington, DC 20009

As a long time resident of DC and downtown worker, these food trucks are a welcome development, especially as the recession reduces everyone's food budgets, as they increase the lower-cost options for lunch in DC. In addition, they elevate DC's food options from pedestrian to world-class--every culinary destination worth its salt has a thriving food cart scene. I don't hear restaurants in New York or SF complaining about food trucks!

Thank you, Meaghan Parker Ward 6 resident I am a customer of Curbside Cupcakes and other mobile vendors here in DC and I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value.

Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations. Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse vending options in the city. They are a vital part of what make working in downtown or visiting downtown a pleasurable experience. In addition, the competition is good to keep our restaurants on their toes.

Thank you.

Amy Haddad

Thank you, Christal Goetz Kentucky & C Street I have been a customer of several new food trucks, including Fojol Brothers, On-the-Fly, and Curbside Cupcakes and I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value. Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations. Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse vending options in the city.

If standard vendors protest these mobile dining options, it is because they fear the competition. The city should be encouraging competition, and encouraging new business. It should not be protecting existing businesses who wish to hold on to their standard business models. In this case, protecting existing businesses and their current offerings would be a move against consumer interests.

Thank you, A. Cory Lankford I support and enjoy food trucks. Please keep regulations in Title 24, Chapter 5 to accommodate food trucks as you have proposed them.

Thank You. Sharon Cochran 1327 Emerlad St. NE Washington, DC 20002 If your inbox hasn't melted down yet, I hope you can take another "Yes on Title 24" food truck comment – as in, support for the 60 foot same food restriction, opposition to the all restaurants proposal, etc.

I only just moved to DC, but food trucks were the greatest thing when doing Habitat for Humanity construction work elsewhere. And just look at the today's lobster roll line – all around the block at Farragut Square. Clearly popular.

Nathan Empsall Washington, DC

I work in the Golden Triangle area and am a customer of Curbside Cupcakes, as well as, a potential customer for Red Hook Lobster Pound. I am also a customer of Hello Cupcake and the local seafood restaurants in the Golden Triangle area. I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value.

Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations. Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse vending options in the city. Please continue to allow a diverse and competitive market place.

Thank you, Monica Welham Please support food trucks and local food vendors in DC. These hard-working men and women are part of the fabric of this city and deserve to be protected. In fact, I want to see these services expanded - and I do not want you to support any discriminatory language that would hurt their businesses. I urge you to pass the regulations as written and to support these local vendors.

Thanks Bill Sweeney 930 M Street NW Washington, DC 20001

Thank you,

Susan Haralson

Thank You Candance Hall As a resident who lives and works in the District of Columbia, I believe that every effort should be made by the DC Government to encourage the use mobile food trucks. They should be given wide latitude on where they are allowed to set up.

I usually eat from one of the mobile food trucks once per week and have found that their quality of food is consistently much higher than the ubiquitous hot dog stands through out DC. The mobile food trucks give a vibrancy to the surrounding areas and every effort should be made to ensure that they can succeed. I do not agree with the BID proposals that I saw on the We Love DC Blog.

Thank you, Christopher Seagle 1332 Emerald St NE

Thank you,

Nomi Goheer

Thank you,

Alissa Munoz

I currently work near the Navy Yard, and as the economy has slowed, so has the development in this area. Thus, we do not have many lunch/food options. For this reason, I am particularly grateful for the DC food trucks that frequent the area.

I am a customer of Curbside Cupcakes, and I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value. Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations. Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse vending options in the city.

Thank you.

Joy Park

I am writing in support of DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5. Please do not allow language which would inhibit or restrict small business owners or limit competition in the marketplace in any way.

DC needs to foster an entrepreneurial spirit which is good for the city and good for the residents. It's my understanding this regulation will aid to that end.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael Nemeth

I am a FREQUENT customer of Curbside Cupcakes and I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value.

Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations. Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse vending options in the city. In a time when jobs are so scarce, let's protect these brave entrepreneurs!

Thank you,

Caitlin Garlow

Thank you,

Cyndi Stone

Thank you,

Alicia Winston DC Resident and Downtown Worker I am a customer of Curbside Cupcakes, Sauca, and every other non-hotdog peddling food truck and I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value. Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations. Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse vending options in the city.

Thank you, Michele

Thank you.

Renee Thompson 1629 F. St. NE Washington, DC 20002

Thank you,

Ryan MacCauley

Thank you,

Jonathan L. Kurz 201 I St. NE Washington, DC 20002

Thank you, Dave Henry

Food trucks make living, working and dining in cities affordable and unique.

Thank you, Mary Kate Wrzesniewski

Thank you,

Siera Talbott

Thank you,

Samuel Pursch

Thank you,

Anthony Chu

I am writing in support of the currently proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that would allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value. I work in an area of DC with very limited food options and look forward to the variety of food that the food trucks offer. Sauca started coming to our neighborhood a few months ago. Word must have spread that there are a lot of hungry customers in our area as quite a few other food trucks have followed. Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations and pass the regulations as written to protect the diverse vending options in the city.

Thank you, Kerry Landon

Thank you,

**David Peery** 

Thank you.

Amie Vandersluis DC Resident

Thank you.

best,

Rebecca L. Zimmerman

Thank you, Bryan Parker

Thank you,

Robert Michlewicz

I am a customer of multiple mobile food vendors (including, but not limited to, Curbside cupcakes, DC Pizza, and Sweetflow). I have found they greatly improve the DC foodscape.

I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value. Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations. Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse vending options in the city.

Thank you,

Tanya Spackman 414 10th Street NE Washington, DC I have been living in Washington for the better part of 15 years. I love the city, in fact, I'm evangelical about its virtues. I've worked downtown for my entire time here and have lived in the Atlas District/H Street Corridor for about 4 years.

One of the more welcome developments is the recent uptick in creative, quality food options both through innovative brick and mortar restaurants and the quirky and exciting community of mobile vendors that dot downtown during lunchtime. I think it's important to provide a welcoming environment to all businesses that will add a beneficial element to the exciting cultural developments D.C. has seen over the past few years.

The food trucks add to the identity of D.C. as an urban environment with a unique and enticing mix of cultural elements; they also provide very tasty, often affordable food for those of us slogging away the days in downtown office buildings. Their proprietors become part of the community. When we buy lunch, a snack or desert from them, we feel like we're contributing to the modern Washington spirit of which we're so proud.

They also provide welcome competition for the more traditional restaurants across town. They offer exciting options in fun and friendly environments.

More times than not, I'll choose to walk through a door to get my meal. Traditional restaurants have a better ability to have an expansive menu and sitting down for a meal will never go out of style, but I would hope that we all can come together and realize the more diverse the mosaic of our town is . . . in all aspects . . . the more we all benefit.

So for me, I say bring on more food trucks.

Jonah Goldman

I would also like to say that I believe that many of the mobile vendors are aware of the complications that arise from being free to move about the city. I recently struck up a conversation with one food truck vendor. I had asked him why he chose the location he was at that day. His first thought was that he chose the spot because he was not competing against stationary restaurants. It was not a surprising answer. Having worked as a chef in kitchens around the area, I can say that the industry is quite supportive of the industry as a whole. While competitive, restaurants really do remain friendly to their neighboring competitors.

I believe most restaurateurs realize the competition is healthy, and that a range of options doesn't hinder business, but helps it. Implementing anti-competitive laws will only hurt the industry and reward those businesses that cannot provide a high-quality, competitive product.

Thank you, Scott Atkinson

Chris Knight

I frequent several of the mobile vendors operating in DC and I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value. These trucks offer an alternative to the many chain restaurants catering to the lunch crowd and they add character to our city. Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations. Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse vending options in the city.

Thank you,

Tara Willey

I'm writing to you to express my support for legislative protections for food trucks in the District of Columbia. Washington residents' food options -- particularly at lunchtime -- compare poorly to those of other cities. The recently-arrived wave of food carts has been a welcome change, and I'm anxious to see the city government support them.

I am concerned about proposed regulation before DCRA. In particular, I believe it is a mistake to give incumbent food vendors or the BIDs representing them control over food trucks' businesses. The incentives facing such businesses are clear: they will employ whatever regulatory mechanisms are made available to them to stifle competition. One cannot fault them for doing so; but neither is one obliged to hand them such power.

Even more disturbing to me is the proposal to include ANCs in the regulatory process. Anyone who has witnessed an ANC attempting to consider a restaurant or liquor license knows that these bodies are rarely up to the task of fostering growth in the city. They are able to exercise power solely through the suppression of growth.

This is an unhealthy premise for a governing body, and it tends to attract poor quality elected representatives -- ones who are not held electorally accountable to any great degree, and who do not participate in planning at a level that might attune them to concerns beyond those of their immediate constituencies (for instance, an ANC commissioner has no direct incentive to make Washington more attractive to visitors, or to expand its tax base). Simply put, they are not up to the task that has been proposed for them under the new regulation.

I urge you to impose the lightest regulatory burden possible on our city's food trucks, and to avoid including BIDs and ANCs in the regulatory framework.

Tom Lee 934 O St NW Washington, DC 20001

Thank you,

Caitlin Ott 1738 U Street NW Washington, DC 20009 As a lifelong DC resident (and lifelong eater!), I appreciate the vibrancy and excitement that the new generation of food trucks has brought to the city. I encourage you not to enact new regulations that will limit the ability of these businesses to expand and serve the city.

Best, Jonathan Zurer 649 E St. NE Washington, DC 20002

Thank you,

Corinne Smith

Thank you,

Scott McBroom Ward 3

I am a DC-resident and customer of mobile food carts in the city. I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value.

Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations. Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse vending options in the city.

Thank you,

Erin Johnson 1412 A St. SE Washington, DC 20003

Thank you,

Emily Sasek

Thank you.

Yasmin Chandani Ward 6 I am a customer of a number of Food Trucks in DC along with Curbside Cupcakes and I am writing to support the current proposed DCRA regulation Title 24 Chapter 5 that will allow mobile vendors to stay in DC and continue offering more choices and value.

Please do not allow the introduction of any discriminatory language into these regulations. Please pass the regulations as written and protect the diverse vending options in the city. Please allow the free market to prosper in DC with out guidelines excluding one type of vendor over another.

Thank you,

Keith McAllister

Thank you,

E. Thompson

Thank you,

Rena Seward